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SUBJECT Import of Rolling Mill Products

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Drawn and deep-drawn plates	8,000 tons
Thin-gauge sheets (under 0.9 mm in thickness)	5,000 tons
Seamless pipe	10,000 tons
Hot-rolled strip (Warmband)	1,500 tons
Cold-rolled strip (Kaltband)	2,000 tons
Free-cutting steel (Automatenstahl)	1,000 tons

On the other hand, the following products would be imported in quantities in excess of the plan:

Rough bar steel	20,000 tons
Shaped steel	20,665 tons
Ship plates	8,000 tons
Rails	6,300 tons
Alloyed construction steel	5,460 tons
Seamless pipe in large dimensions	3,300 tons

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2. DIA Metal has already notified the Ministry that certain of its contracts will have to be modified because of ~~production difficulties~~ the following imports will not be obtainable during the 1st quarter of 1955:

Heavy plates	9,565 tons
Medium plates	761 tons
Transformer plates	539 tons
Dynamo plates	336 tons
Drawn plates	3,259 tons
Deep-drawn plates	2,434 tons
Thin-gauge sheets (0.9 mm and thicker)	11,627 tons

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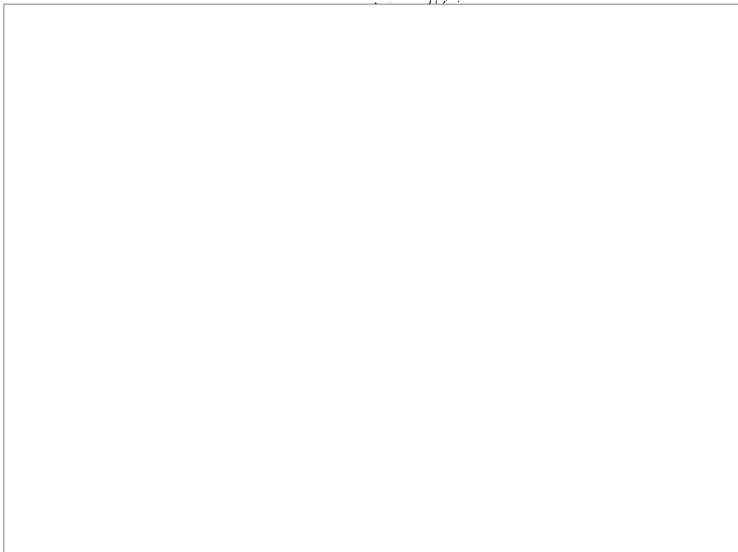
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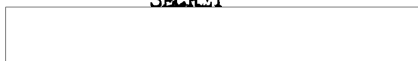
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